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Examiner: M.P. Allen  
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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/606,977 filed June 28, 2000  
Inventor: Joseph R. BYRUM  
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants  
Atty. Dkt: 16517.144

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) are the following documents:

1. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136;
2. Response to Office Action mailed March 25, 2004; and
3. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

Authorization is hereby given to charge the statutory fee of \$110 for a one-month extension of time to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docketing number 16517.144. In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.144. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Sincerely,  
  
by *John E. M.* (Reg. No. 46,098)

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Enclosures